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RAY,

LETTERKENNY,

CO. DONEGAL.

Sunday.

Dearest Mrs Kirkling,

Thank you very much for two letters; the first one did not seem to need an answer -

As to the fore word in the essay - What about Sir Richard Livingstone? He is interested in Education & does know something at least about P.N.E.U. even if he has not read the essay. Mrs. Franklin suggests Sir John Innes - now at the Coal Board, & says she will approach him if you agree -

I do not think Col. Temple a good suggestion because he is not connected primarily with Education



Alas! our lovely holiday is nearing its end - we cross on Wednesday & return to Henfield on Thursday -

You asked me once who was the Francis who came to Henfield - His name was Father Oswald - a man of about 60 but looking much younger.

Mrs Franklin sends you her love, but Dora is not downstairs yet!

Much love from Helen.

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Notes for The May

TELEPHONE:  
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LITTLE BERWICK,  
BRIDPORT,  
DORSET.

March 29. 53

My dearest Miss Kitching  
Thanks you very  
much for your letter and  
for letting me see the one  
from Mary H. How glad  
I am that she is to be  
Warden of the Conference  
House, it will give her  
a home as well as a  
grand field of work with  
young people & old.

I plan to come to  
see you & am beginning  
to wonder if the Summer  
holidays would be a good  
time? I have such happy



memories of two visits  
to Low Hook in August or  
very early September. What  
do you think? Or should  
we stay together at Rydal?

I was glad to see  
Mrs B's letter too & to  
know that the visit is  
happily arranged. I hope  
Eileen will welcome it in her  
hearted heart & that all  
will go well.

Are you going to  
Rydal for Easter? I expect  
so.

Very much love  
Your loving

Essex

The proofs have come and as I  
have nothing to add I have destroyed  
them.

Little Berwick  
Bridport

Good Friday

Dearest Miss Kitching

I am delighted to have  
this Easter present - just what I  
needed. It is very understanding  
of my dear F & P to know felt wants  
without any expression of them.  
Thank you ever so much. I have  
very much enjoyed the account of  
Southwellminster & it brought  
back a sunny afternoon in May  
when Father, Aunt May & I drove  
there from Dovedale. What beauti-  
ful photographs. The whole  
place is so full of light and the  
photos give that effect.

How lovely to be at  
Rydal together for a week! How  
would it be if we had a week  
together at Ambleside (El seltier  
with Mrs Faulkner or at Low House)  
& then we went together to Rydals  
for the second week? Any thing

your plan will be just what I would like. As you say, it seems a long way away but as it is now Easter & Christmas was only last week, I expect it is nearer than it seems.

I will certainly get "Windows for the Crown Prince". I have just finished "A Sprinkling of Islands" by Grimble, have you come across it? So good & amusing about his early services in the Gilbert Islands & the people of those islands are beautifully described - a real travel book.

"The Betsy Trotwood hamlets" is a great find. Isn't it wonderful that there are no "village idiots" left. Do you remember them? The last I saw was in Wales when I was sixteen. Every village had one or two, poor things. All loving thoughts at Easter  
Yours loving Essex.



Little Berniers  
Bridport  
Dorset

Apr 11. 53

Dearest Miss Kitching

What a very satisfactory letter from Mr Taylor, thanks you very much for a copy & also for letting me see yours to Mrs F.

I hope you are happily looking at dippers and enjoying a change of company at Rydal. I heard a cuckoo yesterday & saw 3 swallows today but oh how cold it is, the cuckoo is silent today - no wonder.

We are in a great mess being redecorated but by such an excellent gang of workmen who all live in the valley & who all work hard. at the moment the kitchen requires

are evacuated & left to their  
mercies so we cook on a little  
electric affair in the dining room  
& quite enjoy the fun.

We hope to see V.C. next  
week who is passing this way  
& Marion Berry may come  
over from Swanage too. I  
wonder if any old students  
will look in on you.

Much love always

Essex.



Little Bowrie

Bridport

Dorset

May 6. 03

Dearest Miss Kitching

This is just a personal note in answer to yours to say that I shall be delighted to go to dear Mrs. Faulkner again & much prefer her company to other Ambleaders. We have such fun together & she is a real friend. What would be nice would be if she could give me the top back room overlooking the Knoll because it is so quiet. Am really very strong again except in the eye which is still troublesome in cold winds or when I am tired. I find

batting it in milk is quite  
magic & so simple.

Anytime in August after  
the Bank Holiday is equally  
good for me.

Very much Love  
Essex.



9. 5. 1953

Dear Mr. Norman

I am most grateful to you for  
undertaking the choice of advertisements for the cover  
with Mr. Osborn. You will know best what will act as  
attracting sale for the book. Yrs are 31.

If it is possible to have the printed sheets back ~~at~~ I  
should be grateful as most are out of print now.



Also may I be allowed to include your  
 reference to Rini Marni books on page 15 of the  
 Centenary P. R. I am thinking that the notes  
 which I send a copy might make a good foreword  
in the book, - something permanent when the packet  
 is worn off; I am asking the opinion also  
 of the sub. Committee, but should like your opinion  
 too. I am writing to me or two people - W. T. Jackson -  
 Colonel Temple but otherwise I do not find it

Easy book P



Little Bernice  
Bridport  
Dorset.

May 10. 53

Dearest Miss Kitching

I have not yet thanked you for the copy of your letter to Mrs Haugrton explaining the difference between reprinting (Hoywell) and republication (Dents). It is beautifully clear & I would like to keep the copy for future reference. if I may.

Your letter of May 7th has just come. It is excellent that Mr Bogan will choose passages from reviews. I wonder if Mr B. would consider Col. Temple as taking part in current discussion. Would Helen Livingston's Father write a short foreword? I think he might. (Good for him to reread the "Philosophy" !!)

The more I think about the CMCA, the more limited in outlook it seems to be - It is now a purely teaching association and as Mrs Mason's students increasingly drop out it will be an assoc. of these polyglot trained CMC's & who knows what they will think of the books in 25 years time?

Also the Assoc. is purely feminine which I mistrust.

The Council seems to me to be a body which (under different Chairmanship) could be dignified, alive, & responsible.

I distrust the Students Memorial fund & am not contributing to it. Am I unfair? The "processional Cross" did it, no doubt!

Very much Love  
Yours lovingly  
Essex



Little Bernick

Bridport

Dorset.

May 13. 83.

My dearest Miss Kitching

I feel rather bad about asking Mrs. Faulkner to put me up in August when she is so full. If she can give me the back top room I shall be perfectly happy however full the house is. Tell her I like meeting her other visitors & chatting with them & sharing a table. I don't mind plugs pulling next door either!!! can always sleep through any noise that I expect. The trouble is that I am only able to be away for ten days in June & this is already planned by the 3 Plowden families very neatly - so it would mean putting them all off & also not getting our full fortnight together. But there is another thing too. I don't feel I can face the town time zigzag-puzzle this year.

Usually before I come I make the list

A.C.D. Maud M. Helen Livingstone  
Mademoiselle, Miss Hugman, Straub  
Gertrude, Margery, Mary Yates.

I do like a walk at least with each. One has to be feeling very active & spry for so much company & as a rule it is all very pleasant but not this year.

Gertrude, Maud, Margery & Mary Y. would be quite enough or even just a selection of them!

Aren't I horrid! Do, let's try for 2nd or 3rd weeks of August the sooner the better.

Yes we are springing up from the roots & you must not lose heart if a small slug comes to nibble a leaf or two

"Slug death" is the answer for that.

Your very loving  
Essex.



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14.5.53

My dearest Kit Kit

I came home at 10pm after  
a lovely lovely month to a mass of tiresome  
business of many kinds so excuse a short  
note.

I think your idea of having the messages printed  
excellent

I very much hope you will not ask Col Temple  
to do the forward. He is a dear & he & I are  
very great friends but he isn't an educationalist



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I would carry no weight — I gave

Mrs W. 2 suggestions whose names she  
has sent you — I could give others  
from Scholastic work

Love

W.



15.5.1953

Dear Sir Richard

Your daughter Helen encourages  
me to write you if you will honour Charlotte Davis's  
last book - An Essay Towards a Philosophy of Education by  
writing a short foreword to the <sup>reprint</sup> ~~edition~~ which Messrs  
Dent's have decided to issue.

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 at heart & in which Miss Helen Drummond <sup>playing</sup> ~~now~~ ~~has~~ ~~such~~  
 an important part.



17.5.53

andOthello Cottage  
Henfield Sussex

Dearest Miss Kitching,

I am very glad to hear that you are asking Mr Richard L. - I think he is quite the best person, if he will do it -

I agree that more recent extracts about The Essay is a good idea - to print on the pocket too is a sensible suggestion. A number of people buy a book after reading such extracts from the paper jacket!

We had a good but dull flight to London - but alas! Mrs Franklin was welcomed by the news that she has definitely got to leave her house to destruction in September. I am so sorry for her; just think what such a move would be to a middle-aged woman - even with a husband & daughters to help - It is good to be home again & the ~~garden~~ garden is crying out for love &

attention & I don't know how to refuse it!  
 I gardened all day yesterday (9-5:30)  
 with short pauses for food & 2 tiny  
 walks with (for) the dog -

Much love from Helen.

I & imagine you don't want the typed  
 sheets of extracts to be returned?



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concerning the cover for the Essay.

Yes, I think it would be  
a good idea to introduce some quotes  
on your book and suggest you forward  
to me a typed sheet to your own selection  
to take up the back flap of the cover:  
with your revised front flap write-up.

Perhaps you would also  
kindly indicate the matter for the back  
cover of the wrapper.

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me further in a day or two after you  
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Dear Miss Kitching,

Thank you for your letter of May 4th.  
By all means send along the press cuttings, and  
we will select the material for the jacket.

I agree that a new foreword would be  
a help, though I am sorry that I cannot possibly  
undertake it myself. Could you find someone  
who is taking a leading part in the current  
dicussions about the theory of education?

Yours sincerely,

EFB/RAA

16. 5. 83

Dear Miss Kitching

I should have liked  
to do what you asked but  
I have a number of lectures  
etc. (including a preface  
to a new edition of one  
of my books) to which  
I must give precedence.

If you only want a  
brief preface (100 - 200 words)

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something later but I  
am very behind hand with





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Low Nook,  
Ambleside.

Dear Miss Kitching,

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I have had extracts made from the reviews for printing on the back of the jacket, and I return the reprints of the reviews from the Parents' Reviews. I also enclose a copy of the extracts. The jacket will, of course, be re-set, and I propose on the front at the bottom to put the tribute by Dr. M.L. Jacks, and at the bottom of the front flap to put Sir Cyril Norwood's message. I also send you a typescript of the paragraph which will now appear on the front flap.

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Ambleside.

Dear Miss Kitching,

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I will wait now until you send me Sir Richard Livingstone's note, and then have proofs prepared of all the tributes you sent me for your approval. I do not need to explain, of course, that we cannot proceed with the production until this is settled.

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Low Nook,  
Ambleside.

Dear Miss Kitching,

Thank you for your letter. We will include the four quotations you sent from the Journal of Education, The Statesman, Calcutta, The Times of India, and The Scotsman; but we shall have to put some of the reviews on the back flap of the wrapper as there are too many for the back only. I return the extracts with the four added, also a re-type of the front of the wrapper, and the front flap.

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June 10th, 1953.

Dear Sir Richard,

I must apologise for the long delay in answering your most kind and generous letter, but Whitsuntide and the Coronation have made regular correspondence impossible, and I have had the various members of my Sub-committee to consult individually. Both they and the publisher are greatly pleased that Miss Mason's book should have the honour of a Foreword from you. Of course the publisher wants to know when it will come, but I have told him it is impossible at present as you are engaged on more important work, and once the Foreword comes the edition will go through very quickly, as no proof correcting will be necessary; new type will only be necessary for review notices on the cover, and the Foreword on a sheet by itself.

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"Whether the way I have sketched out is the right way remains to be tested more widely than in the many thousands of cases in which it has been successful; but assuredly education is slack and uncertain for the lack of sound principles exactly applied. We have placed our faith in 'civilisation', have been proud of our progress; and, of the pangs that the War has brought us, perhaps none is keener than that caused by the utter breakdown of the civilisation which we held to be synonymous with education. We know better now and are thrown back on our healthy human instincts and the Divine sanctions.

The moment has come to try the great cause of *Education v. Civilisation*, with the result, let us hope, that the latter will retire to her proper sphere of service in the amelioration of life and will not intrude on the higher functions of inspiration and direction which belong to Education."